

**TOWN OF LOS GATOS**  
**PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**BACHMAN PARK**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**401 BELMONT AVE/BACHMAN, LOS GATOS CALIFORNIA 95030**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.**

NO.	ITEM	ACTION ON ITEM
I.	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	The Parks Commission meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by <b>Chair Lawson Henze</b> .
II.	ROLL CALL	<p><b>Present:</b> Chair Lawson-Henze; Vice-Chair Sugai; Commissioners Gordon, Handy, Kirkbride, Schloh, and Student Commissioner Zhang.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Commissioner Konrad.</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Kevin Rohani, Interim PPW Director  Tim Boyer, Parks Superintendent  Tara Lang, Public Works Specialist</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b>  Madeline Kevorkian, Incoming Student  Parks Commissioner  Chris Tanimoto, Los Gatos Resident</p>
	Introduction of Incoming Student Commissioner	<p><b>Chair Lawson-Henze and Interim Director Rohani</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced <b>Madeline Kevorkian</b> to the Parks Commission.</li> </ul>
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2007	<p><b>Motion by Commissioner Kirkbride</b> that the minutes be approved as submitted with the following comments:</p> <p><b>VII.A. Howes Play Lot: PG&amp;E Removal of Pine Trees:</b>  <b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that her suggestion that <b>PG&amp;E</b> plant more trees than what would be removed was not reflected in the June Parks Commission Minutes.</li> <li>Commented on the next steps and timing of action by the Commission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interim Director</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responded that much depends on the trees' canopy, species, etc. before the number of replacement trees can be decided. However, there will be large box trees planted if the pine trees are removed.</li> </ul>

	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2007 (Continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the Commissioners that he will have the arborist report at the August 7, 2007 meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks Superintendent Boyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the Commissioners that Town Arborist, <b>Rob Moulden</b>, is preparing a report on the pine trees. The quantity and species of the replacement trees are presently undecided.</li> </ul> <p><b>Seconded by Commissioner Handy</b></p>
	<b>CHAIR CALLED FOR THE QUESTION</b>	<b>Carried unanimously.</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
	<p><b>A. Verbal</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u><i>Collord's Peak Project</i></u></li> </ol>	<p><b>Student Commissioner Zhang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the Commissioners and staff about the <i>Collord's Peak Project</i> . . . a memorial to <b>Vic Collord</b>. The purpose of this project is to inform the public of the new name for the large peak under the jurisdiction of the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District.</li> <li>Informed the Commissioners that <i>Collord's Peak</i> can be registered with the State only after the <i>named</i> is deceased for five (5) years. <b>Vic Collard</b> passed away in May 2004.</li> <li>Asked the Commissioners to “pass the word.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks Superintendent Boyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explained that historically the Town has not named natural features to immortalize individuals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commissioner Gordon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended that <b>Student Commissioner Zhang</b> contact the <b>Los Gatos Community Foundation</b> and the newspaper. She also recommended that <b>Student Commissioner Zhang</b> write an article for the paper.</li> </ul>

	<b>B. A. Verbal</b> 1. <u>Collord's Peak Project</u> (Continued)	<b>Vice-Chair Sugai</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the Commission that <i>Collard's Peak</i> is part of a large mountain range.</li> </ul>
	2. <u>Proposal to Keep Parks Opened for Special Events</u>	<b>Commissioner Handy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquired if the parks could stay open past sunset for special events. He informed the Commissioners that the <b>Perseid Meteor Showers</b> (emanating from the <b>Constellation Perseus</b>) will peak in August and that the upper lawn of <b>Belgatos Park</b> is a good viewing area for the event.</li> </ul> <b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed that it was a great idea and good use of the park.</li> </ul> <b>Tim Boyer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the Commissioners about the special event permit process for such requests.</li> </ul>
	3. <u>Art Selection Panel: Public and Public Art</u>	<b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested a joint meeting with the <b>Art Selection Panel</b> to discuss <i>Art in the Park</i>.</li> </ul> <b>Commissioner Schloh</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed <b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b> about the events that took place in trying to place a sculpture in <b>Bachman Park</b>. He will check its status with <b>Volunteer Coordinator Susan Buxton</b> and have a report at the next Commission meeting.</li> </ul> <b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested "temporary" public art in the parks.</li> <li>Inquired about the <b>General Plan</b> and references to public art.</li> </ul> <b>Interim Director Rohani</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed her of its process and that it (<b>General Plan</b>) will be revised by 2010. There will be opportunity for all individuals and commissions to comment on the new <b>General Plan</b>.</li> </ul>

	4. <u>Blossom Hill Park Tennis Courts</u>	<p><b>Chris Tanimoto, Los Gatos Citizen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquired as to when the <b>Blossom Hill Park</b> tennis courts will be resurfaced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks Superintendent Boyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed <b>Mr. Tanimoto</b> that the project is in the 2009 CIP plan</li> </ul>
	<p><b>B. Written</b></p> <p>1. <u>Council Report Ratifying Student Commissioner Appointments &amp; Student Commissioner Applications</u></p>	Noted and filed.
	2. <u>Council Report Approving The 2007 Council/Commission Retreat Issue Matrix</u>	<p><b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquired about the status of a community garden in Los Gatos.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair Lawson-Henze</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed <b>Commissioner Kirkbride</b> of its status and that the Commissioners are to keep it in the “back of their minds.”</li> </ul> <p>Noted and filed.</p>
<b>V.</b>	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	None.
<b>VI.</b>	<b>INFORMATION ITEMS</b>	
	<b>A. Howes Play Lot: PG&amp;E Removal of Pine Trees</b>	<p><b>Parks Superintendent Boyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed the Commissioners that he will have an Arborist Report for the August 7 Parks Commission meeting. (See III. Approval of Minutes . . .)</li> </ul>
<b>VII.</b>	<b>COMMISSION MATTERS</b>	
	<b>A. School Outreach – Update (Konrad)</b>	No report.
	<b>B. Senior Picnic (Konrad)</b>	No report.
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>DIRECTOR MATTERS</b>	<b>Interim Director Rohani</b>
	<b>A. Parks Projects – Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided the Commissioners through each item on the <i>CIP Parks Projects Status</i>.</li> <li>Reported that the demolition work is done on the <b>Balzer Field</b> restroom. The restroom upgrade will be completed by August 2007.</li> </ul>

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	<b>OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)</b>	<p><b>Parks Superintendent Boyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responded that the trail might belong to either <b>Santa Clara County</b> or <b>Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)</b> and is not in the <b>Los Gatos'</b> jurisdiction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commissioner Handy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanked Staff for the repair of the vandalized railing at <b>Heinze Open Space</b> and for a job well done.</li> </ul>
<b>XII.</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<p>Please contact the Commission Chair or the Parks and Public Works Dept. at (408) 399-5772 or <a href="mailto:tlang@losgatosca.gov">tlang@losgatosca.gov</a> if you are unable to attend. The current Town Attendance Resolution that any commissioner who is absent from four regular meetings held in a 12-month period, shall surrender his or her office on the Commission.</p>
<b>XIII.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p><b>Motion by Commissioner Gordon</b> that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to <b>August 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Oak Meadow Park, 233 Blossom Hill Road/University Ave.</b></p> <p><b>Seconded by Commissioner Handy.</b></p>
	<b>CHAIR CALLED THE QUESTION</b>	<b>Carried unanimously.</b>

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Tara Lang, PPW Specialist